



Margaret Anne Root

September 23, 1928 - April 13, 2024

Margaret Anne Root (Peggy) was born on September 23, 1928 to John and Olive Reid. She was the oldest of three with two younger brothers, John and David. She grew up in Lansing, Michigan. They did not have much money when she was growing up but she always said she never knew that they were poor. Her father was disabled when she was 5 years old so he was unable to work on a regular basis. Her mother worked at a printing company to support the family.

Peggy met her loving husband Roland (Ron-a nickname she gave him), when they were in Junior High school. They were married June 12, 1947 and were together 49 years until Ron's unexpected passing. They had four children; Jean, Roland, Patricia and Carol. Each of the children being born in a different place as they moved frequently in those early days, due to job opportunities for Ron. They lived in four states until 1966 when they moved and settled down in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

Peggy was an accomplished seamstress, making most of her daughters' clothes as they grew up. She made costumes, uniforms, a wedding gown and several bridesmaid dresses. And she loved making baby clothes for her grandchildren when they came along. She also did all kinds of needlework; knitting, crocheting, embroidering, cross stitch and hardanger. She did other crafting as well.

Peggy loved to camp and enjoyed fishing. She was in awe of nature and loved to travel. She saw most of the United States, a little of Canada and Mexico.

Peggy worked as a telephone operator for the telephone company when she was first married. She was a stay at home mom but went back to work to help her kids go to college. She ended her working career as lead operator on the switchboard at Unisys.

Peggy was an avid speed reader. She read the newspaper everyday until she lost the ability to read easily due to a stroke. She read all kinds of books but really enjoyed mysteries. She was always up on current events.

Peggy loved animals, especially cats. She was a little bit of a "cat lady" at heart but never owned more than one cat at a time. She had many cat figurines, the majority of which were given to her as gifts.

Peggy's family was the most important thing in the world to her with her friends as a close second. She maintained life-long friendships from most of the places she had lived. She loved her family unconditionally and voraciously and they loved her back. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions to a charity of one's choice.

A private memorial service will be held to celebrate her life.